

## THE EVENING STAR

With Sunday Morning Edition.

TUESDAY, May 18, 1920

WEDGWOOD W. NOYES, Editor

The Evening Star Newspaper Company  
 Office: 11th St. and Pennsylvania Ave.  
 New York Office: Tribune Building  
 Chicago Office: First National Bank Building  
 European Office: 2 Regent St., London, England

The Evening Star, with the Sunday morning edition, is delivered by carriers within the city at 10 cents per month, daily only, 40 cents per month; Sunday only, 20 cents per month. Orders may be sent by mail, or telephone. Money order may be sent by mail, or telephone. Money order may be sent by mail, or telephone.

**Subscription Rate by Mail**  
 PAYABLE IN ADVANCE  
 Daily and Sunday, 1 yr., \$2.40; 1 mo., 20c.  
 Daily only, 1 yr., \$1.80; 1 mo., 15c.  
 Sunday only, 1 yr., \$1.20; 1 mo., 10c.  
 Entered as second-class mail matter at the post office at Washington, D. C.

## Retirement Assured.

Save for the signature of the President, which is confidently expected, the civil retirement bill is now a law, the Senate having adopted the conference report yesterday. This completes a long effort to provide for the compensation of supernumerary employees of the government after continuous service. It is not, strictly speaking, a pension system, for the employees themselves will contribute a large part of the funds needed to pay the annuities of the retired persons, the government making up the deficit. Originally it was hoped that the government would assume the full burden of this payment, but it was early found impossible to secure congressional assent to such a plan, and the contributory method was adopted.

By no stretch of the imagination can the compensation to be granted to the retired employees of the government be regarded as munificent. The maximum to be paid is \$720 a year, or \$60 a month, or at the rate roughly of \$2 a day. This is a modest award, a little enough in these days of high prices. The hope is that by the time the system begins to operate and the first of the elder workers are placed on the retired list the price list of the necessities of life will have fallen.

Those within the service who feel it is unfair to tax them in monthly deductions from their pay for the maintenance of the retirement system should realize that the law as it is written safeguards them against the loss of their funds. If an employee leaves the service before reaching the retiring age the total amount of the monthly deductions, with accrued interest, will be paid to his legal representatives. If one dies without having received in annuities a sum equal to the amount of the deductions, with interest compounded, the excess shall be paid to his estate.

Thus the deductions are in the nature of a savings account for any who may leave the service, as secure as the federal Treasury can make it. They are in the way of being an insurance for the family of the employee. The equities of the workers are fully protected in this system. The deductions may at the present rate of living cost bear hard upon the people in the government service, but they will not be lost, and they will prove of real value later, at a time when age has lessened the capacity to work and compelled retirement.

With this system in operation the government service may be cleared of those who are less competent through the advance of age, promotion will be more definite and regular, and the government will no longer be in the position of treating its elder workers with parsimonious charity.

Moving pictures are said to suggest domestic unhappiness and encourage divorces. A happy home that can be broken up by a scenario must have been a rather feeble institution in the first place.

It may be that Villa regards the Mexican political game as too swift for a plain, plodding bandit.

The street car token should not be allowed to imitate the upward price tendency of gasoline.

## An Obligation to Humanity.

Henry P. Davison, in an address before the General Methodist Episcopal Conference at Des Moines, has told the people of the United States of the terrible conditions that prevail in the territory lying between the Baltic and the Black and Adriatic seas. This area includes the new Baltic states—Poland, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Hungary, Rumania, Montenegro, Albania and Serbia. As chairman of the board of governors of the League of Red Cross Societies, Mr. Davison is informed in detail of these conditions, which are appalling, and which demand immediate and liberal relief to prevent a disaster greater even than that of the great war.

Mr. Davison puts the case on more than grounds of humanity. He asserts that this country owes a direct moral obligation to the people of Europe. He urges further that in our own self-protection we should advance the hand of help to prevent the destruction of these nations by disease and by starvation, lest the plagues that now menace them reach across the seas and attack us in turn. He estimates the cost of effective help in this great world emergency at \$500,000,000. This is a great sum viewed alone. It is a small sum, however, considered in relation to the enormous values involved in the war and in proportion to the great numbers of people who are now afflicted.

The details of Mr. Davison's report are shocking. It is horrifying to realize how thoroughly exhausted these people of middle Europe are today; how short they are of food; how destitute of medical facilities. Take, for

instance: In Montenegro, where food is running short, there are but five physicians for an estimated population of 450,000! In every one of these countries there is lack of medicines, of even the means of cleanliness, not to speak of nourishing food. Typhus is raging throughout the area ravaged by the war. The organized forces of sanitation are small and pitifully weak against the sweep of disease and starvation.

A definite proposition is advanced that Congress immediately pass a bill appropriating not to exceed \$500,000,000, to be allotted and expended under the direction of a commission empowered to proceed at once upon a survey and upon the adoption of means of remedying the terrible conditions in central and eastern Europe. It is suggested that this fund should be advanced as a loan, without interest for the first few years, eventually to be repaid as the countries aided are able to do so.

This is no fanciful picture that the chairman of the Red Cross board has drawn. He has been on the ground and knows the circumstances. The agents of that great organization have supplied reports in the fullest particulars. There can be no doubt of the danger and there should be no question of American action to the end of saving mankind from this frightful calamity.

## Reservations and the Treaty.

According to popular opinion, the President is insisting on the peace treaty just as he signed it; that he is opposed to not only the Lodge reservations but all reservations; that he will not compromise on any point in any degree.

And yet now and then the statement is made that the President would not object to "interpretive" reservations. Now what may an "interpretive" reservation be? How does it differ from a Lodge reservation? Or any one of the number of reservations that were proposed by democratic senators while the treaty was before the Senate and efforts were being made to reach an agreement and ratify the pact?

Some of those efforts were very earnest, and were participated in by senators showing every wish to meet the President's wishes. They did not give out that they were acting for the President, or even with his knowledge. Nobody professed to have conferred with him on the subject. In fact, it was known that at that time he was inaccessible to callers.

The situation today seems to be about this: The treaty cannot be ratified without reservations. If the President is willing to accept "interpretive" reservations they ought to be defined. Let some democratic senator—Mr. Hitchcock preferred, since he has had charge of the business—present such reservations, with the assurance that, if adopted, they will be accepted by the President, and then debate can turn on them. The Senate and the country can thus be brought to understand the difference, whatever it may be, between an "interpretive" reservation and one of the kind that led to the Senate's rejection of the treaty.

## A Worthy Appeal.

Public support is asked for the National Training School for Women and Girls which has been conducted for the past ten years at Lincoln Heights, near this city. This school was started "on faith." It had its origin in the inspiration of one woman who believed that there was need of an institution for the practical vocational training of her sisters of the colored race, preparing them for self-support. Without any endowment and with but little organized assistance, the establishment has developed to a plant worth \$85,000, with a school enrollment of nearly 150, drawn from all parts of the world. Only \$5,000 is asked from the people of Washington toward a national fund of \$125,000 to provide buildings for this school. It is but a little amount of money compared with the great sums that are being spent in other work, for charities and for educational enterprises. Washington should give its quota and more, for it realizes the need of adequate vocational training for the colored people, and the work of Miss Nannie Burroughs, the head of the institution, is well recognized here as unselfish and constructive.

Col. Bryan will be at San Francisco at the disposal of uninterested delegates whose needs have not been fully met by his correspondence course.

The cost of sugar is creating some scarcity of enthusiasm in advocating preserves as a means of battling with H. C. L.

Unfortunately, there is no hope of getting relief from a freight car jam by merely issuing a request "to move lively."

## Wets and Drys.

Gov. Edwards says he means business. Accused of pussyfooting on the prohibition issue he replies: "Me pussyfoot on prohibition? Just what! I'm going to San Francisco, and I'm going to exert every possible ounce of pressure I can bring to bear to place a straight-out wet plank in the democratic national platform. Then, if no other man better qualified has the courage to stand flat-footed upon it, I am going to offer myself."

By "a straight-out wet plank" the governor means what? There are wets and wets. Some wets will be satisfied if the San Francisco convention declares simply for lifting the ban on light wines and beer. They are outspoken against the saloon and what is called "hard stuff." They attribute the eighteenth amendment and the Vol-

stead act to John Barleycorn and the excesses and abuses committed under his influence.

Then there are wets who make no difference between "hard stuff" and "soft stuff." They want the ban lifted as to all "stuff." They favor a frank declaration against both the amendment and the act, and a call for a vote in November on that proposition.

When he announced his candidacy for the San Francisco nomination, Gov. Edwards was accepted as the leader of the wholehoggery. He had promised in his campaign for governor that, if elected, he would make New Jersey "as wet as the Atlantic ocean"; and that that could be done with any half-way measure did not seem possible. Hence the belief that Gov. Edwards was the man Mr. Bryan would have to meet at the convention.

Mr. Bryan, as all know, is opposed to the whole drink traffic, "hard stuff" and "soft stuff." He will fight at San Francisco not only for the retention on the books of the eighteenth amendment and the Volstead act, but for their thorough enforcement. He is uncompromising in his position; and the man—Gov. Edwards, or another—who roasts him will know that he has been in a scrimmage.

## Hogs and the Law.

The problem of the District property clerk, who has been charged with the custody of nine hogs left committed in Hilledale the other day, is not so serious as the difficulties that met the municipal authorities of a few decades ago, when the hog question was most acute here. In those days hogs ran at large in the streets of Washington. There were certain laws prohibiting the practice, to be sure, but it was hard to enforce them. The hogs' legal knowledge was limited and their owners were indifferent. But the hogs developed a keen sense in the evasion of the police force and seemingly had been trained in escaping from the clutches of the law not to betray their ownership, for with porcine perversity when chased they would run in any direction but home. A policeman's lot was then by no means a happy one. Eventually the hog problem was solved largely through the paving of streets, when the porkers no longer found happy hunting grounds in the highways. Washington has not had a hog at large for so many years that the nine animals now in the custody of Mr. Hesse are viewed as a sensational novelty. Surely there will be no great embarrassment about disposing of them in such a way that the law will be satisfied.

An important commercial question might be solved if some recipe could be produced for making satisfactory dyestuffs by mixing in a few vegetable substances with a cake of yeast.

Whether or not war is declared at an end, Secretary Daniels expects to have something of a naval fight to look after.

John Barleycorn is causing enough disension to make him responsible for a few headaches, even among the abstemious.

It will be difficult to explain to Senator Knox how a state of war can go on indefinitely without an occasional battle.

The primaries did not even result in providing forecasters with material that can be regarded as unusually reliable.

Germany is now looking around for financial instead of military assistance.

## SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

**The True Philosopher.**  
 Happy the man who, when his wealth The price of meat can't touch, Can say, "It's better for our health If we don't eat so much."

And who, as grim and ghostly chalk Shows gasoline's swift rise, Remarks, "I'd much prefer to walk. I need the exercise."

And who, as patches overtake His clothes, grows nothing wroth, But vows, "A crazy quilt will make A stunning style of cloth."

Jud Tunkins says he never yet heard of a man sayin' he was too old to run for office and at the same time admittin' he wasn't young enough to play golf or go fishin'.

## Prevention of Playfulness.

"You understand that your children must not play in the halls," said the janitor.

"I don't think there'll be any trouble about that," replied the new tenant. "My children are exceedingly sympathetic and when they realize how worried we are about the rent they'll be too melancholy to feel like playing."

## Social Necessities.

Perhaps these problems for our good Are still kept strewn about. If all of them were solved, what would We have to talk about?

## Nature's Wisdom.

"A woman can't learn to throw a base ball straight," remarked Mr. Rafferty as he paused to observe some athletic practice.

"No," said Mr. Dolan; "no more than she can a flatiron or a stove lid or a rollin' pin. And isn't it the wise provision of Nature!"

## Climatic Emergencies.

"You have at last decided to wear your straw hat."

"Yes. But I still keep my earmuffs where I can reach them at a moment's notice."

## S. Kann Sons Company

THE BUSY CORNER PENN. AVENUE AT 8TH STREET

Open Daily  
 From 9:15 A.M.  
 to 6 P.M.

## A Sale Wednesday of the Famous Wm. Rogers & Son Silverplate In the Handsome Lincoln Pattern

—Wm. Rogers & Son silverplate is a household word in most homes, and its well known splendid quality scarcely needs any introduction to the women of Washington. Buy for your own needs or for gifts.

- Teaspoons, set of six.....\$1.29
- Dessert Spoons, set of six.....\$2.59
- Tablespoons, set of six.....\$2.69
- Soup Spoons, set of six.....\$2.69
- Dessert Forks, set of six.....\$2.59
- Medium Forks, set of six.....\$2.69
- Dessert Knives, set of six.....\$2.98
- Medium Knives, set of six.....\$3.49
- Butter Knives, each.....49c
- Sugar Shells, each.....49c

Kann's—Third Floor.

## Summer Furs

At One-Third Under Regular Prices

—With so cool a summer as this bids fair to be, summer furs will be in order nearly all season, but you buy them at a saving in this sale.

| Former Price                      | Sale Price | Former Price                | Sale Price |
|-----------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| \$20.00 Squirrel Chokers          | \$13.33    | \$39.75 Brown Wolf Scarfs   | \$26.50    |
| \$29.75 Skunk Chokers             | \$19.84    | \$49.50 Brown Fox Scarfs    | \$33.00    |
| \$29.75 Australian Opossum Choker | \$19.84    | \$69.50 Brown Fox Scarfs    | \$46.34    |
| \$42.50 Mink Chokers              | \$28.34    | \$75.00 Brown Wolf Scarfs   | \$50.00    |
| \$45.00 Dyed Fitch Scarfs         | \$30.00    | \$89.50 Fox and Wolf Scarfs | \$59.67    |
| \$65.00 Natural Fitch Scarfs      | \$43.34    | \$118.00 Fox Scarfs         | \$78.67    |

\$69.50 Stone Marten Skins at \$46.34

Kann's—Second Floor.

## PLAIN COLOR, STRIPED AND PLAID WOOL SKIRTS FOR UTILITY WEAR

—Skirts that the business girl and the girl in office will find decidedly useful and practical.

- There are black and navy serge skirts.
- Skirts in small checked materials.
- New striped skirts.
- Smart plaid skirts.

—Some are made in box-pleated effects, some knife pleated, a number accordion-pleated and still others with fullness all around, also some with plain fronts and gathered backs, trimmed with buttons, deep belts and new style pockets.

—There are regular and extra sizes to select from.

At \$14.95--\$16.95

Kann's—Second Floor.

## "Continental" Make Screen Doors in Two Popular Styles

### Varnished Hardwood Doors

As Illustrated, Wednesday at.....\$2.29  
 —Made of heavy, seasoned stock, in sizes 30x78 inches, 32x80 inches, and 32x84 inches.

### Paneled Screen Doors

As Illustrated, Wednesday at.....\$4.89  
 —Made of heavy, seasoned stock, highly varnished, panel base; sizes 30x78 inches, 32x84 inches, 34x82 inches, 34x84 inches and 36x84 inches.

### Sale Hardwood Extension Window Screens, 59c

—Regular 85c quality, frames of seasoned stock, with metal center brace. 24 inches high, extended to 41 inches wide.

### "Sherwood" All-Metal Extension Window Screens

—Regularly 79c, 24 inches high, extend to 33 inches wide. Can be used as a permanent screen. Wednesday 55c



### Oil Opaque Window Shades

—Seconds of the \$1.25 66c quality  
 —Mounted on strong spring rollers, complete with fixtures; in white and yellow, size 36x72 inches, subject to slight imperfections.

### Other Shades—All Perfect

—Excelsior Oil Shades at \$1.25.  
 —Duplex Handmade Oil Shades at \$1.98.  
 —Lonsdale Holland Shades at \$2.19.

### Hemstitched Bordered Scrim Curtains

—Regularly \$1.98, \$1.29 Wednesday, a pair.  
 —In white and cream, all lengths, perfectly washable. Full width.

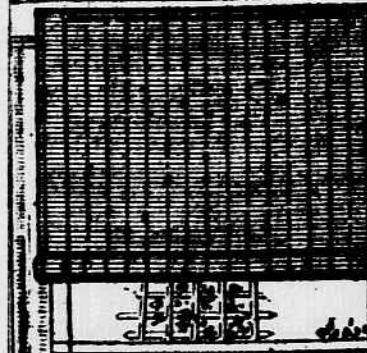
—Others of scrim and marquisette, a pair, \$2.49 to \$12.98.

### Brisbie Panel Curtains of Scotch Lace, Each, 43c

—With overlook attached edge, with loops along top to slip on rod. In real lace designs.  
 —Two others lots of Brisbie Scotch Curtains at 79c and 99c.  
 —Half-sash Scrim Curtains, with lace edge, a pair, 59c.

### 79c "Knock Down" Window Screen Frames

—Complete with side tracking, beading, metal corners, and nails, ready to assemble; sizes 42x42 inches. Wednesday at.....55c  
 —Other sizes, 30x30 inches to 40x90 inches, 39c to \$1.79.



### "Star" Porch Shades

6 ft. wide, each.....\$4.49  
 —In brown and green, guaranteed oil colors, basswood slats; complete with ropes, awning cleats, pulleys and no-whip attachment to prevent flapping.

—Other sizes priced as follows:  
 4-ft. width—\$2.75  
 7-ft. width—\$5.49  
 8-ft. width—\$5.98  
 9-ft. width—\$6.98  
 10-ft. width—\$7.98  
 12-ft. width—\$10.49

### Three Lots of Washable Curtain and Drapery Materials

—36-inch Colored Madras, cut from full bolts. Regularly, 98c, special, Wednesday, a yard, 66c.  
 —36-inch Curtain Swisses, full bolts. Regularly, 39c a yard, special, Wednesday, a yard, 28c.  
 —Cretoneins, from full bolts; light and dark effects. Regularly, 39c a yard, Wednesday, a yard, 28c.

### 400 Ready-Made Awnings

—Regularly \$3.49, Wednesday, choice.....\$2.59  
 —Made of good weight duck, in tan and white and blue and white stripes, with flexible steel frames, complete with fixtures; 30-inch size to fit doors or windows from 28 to 32 inches wide.



### —Porch Drop Curtains, to match the window awnings, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 12 ft. wide. Price, a running foot, Wednesday.....75c

\$3.98 Cross Stripe Madras Curtains, Pair, \$2.79

—Washable Curtains, snowflake and moire effects, with colored woven stripes on light and dark grounds, full width and length, finished with tassel fringe; only 100 in the lot.

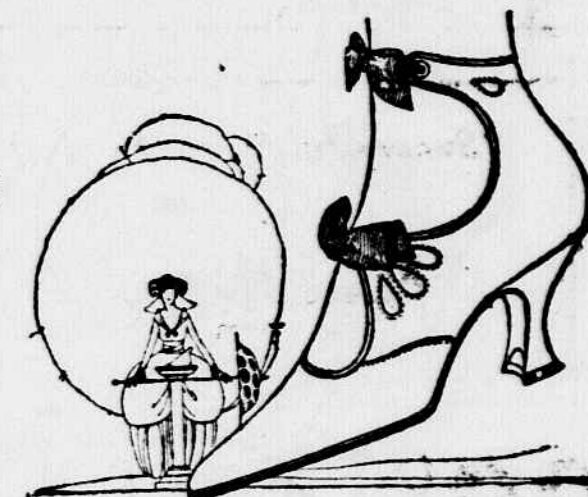
Kann's—Third Floor.

## S. Kann Sons Company

THE BUSY CORNER PENN. AVENUE AT 8TH STREET

## This New French Bracelet Tie

Is One of the Most Stunning of the New Summer Styles in Footwear



—It is exceedingly graceful in its new lines, and is shown in the three following leathers:  
 Tan Kid White Kid Black Kid  
 —A pair at.....\$18.00  
 Kann's—Fourth Floor.

## 75c Imported Scotch Gingham

Special Wednesday a Yard.....58c



—Almost every woman in this city knows the wonderful quality and finish of this genuine Scotch gingham, and that it wears like iron, almost. We have this in plaids only, to offer tomorrow at the above special price. It will pay you to buy enough for two or three dresses at this price.

## Silk Warp Shirting Madras

32 In. Wide and a Wonderful Quality a Yard.....\$2.50

—The designs—striped patterns—are very attractive without being in the least bizarre, and the color combinations are exceedingly harmonious. Satin stripes in colorings or white are woven through the material and with its lustrous sheen, its soft texture you would really take it for an all-silk shirting, but being a mixture of silk and cotton it wears even better than an all silk. Ideal for men's summer shirts, also for women's shirtwaists.  
 Kann's—Street Floor.

## Another Blouse Maker Provides Us With a Sale Lot

In Which Are Blouses Worth to \$6.95

Go Wednesday at.....\$3.99

—All are georgette blouses, and they are plain, beaded or embroidered; in round neck styles, and square neck effects; some are collarless models, others with collars.  
 —Plain colored blouses, and combination effects including navy and bisque, flesh and blue down, white and blue, white and rose, peach and black, and navy and black.  
 —The sizes range from 36 to 46.  
 Kann's—Bargain Table—Street Floor.

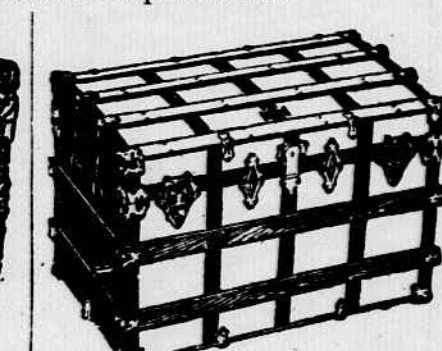
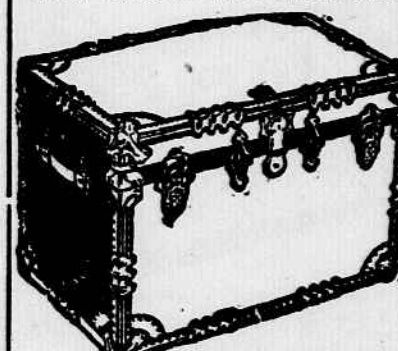
## Crepe De Chine Blouses at a Good Range of Prices



—At \$5.95—In white and flesh-colored Crepe de Chine, also in black; made with roll collar and tucked vest.  
 —At \$6.95 and \$10.95—Colored Striped Crepe de Chine Blouses, made in tailored style, with two-in-one collars.  
 —At \$9.95, \$10.95 and \$12.95 are better quality Crepe de Chine Blouses, in white, flesh and black. Smart styles and a good range of sizes.  
 Kann's—Second Floor.

## Three Hundred Dress Trunks Too Many

—Because a long-delayed and as we supposed an altogether lost shipment suddenly and unexpectedly came in.  
 —As we have filled in the needed supplies from another factory, this shipment gives us a surplus that takes up more room than we can spare for trunks—therefore we are making drastic cuts to close them out quickly. Fortunately this is in time for the vacation season's requirements.



—Lot 1—Fiber Covered Trunks, 30-in., 34-in., and 38-in. sizes. With smooth, hard fiber covering, vulcanized fiber binding on edges; with closely set shot-head rivets; bumpers and metal parts are of heavy brass steel, tray divided for accommodation of hats. Choice of three sizes.....\$11.85

—Hat Trunks, with 5 hat forms, 4 styles. At \$10.75, \$15.45, \$19.95.

—Lot 2—Dress Trunks for General Purposes, sizes 32, 34 and 36 inches, strong slats, brass bumpers, snap catches, good lock and key, tray for small articles or hat. Choice at.....\$8.45

—Steamer Size Trunks, in this sale at \$8.45, \$9.95 and \$16.45.

—Lot 3—Cretone-lined Dress Trunks, 32-in., 36-in. and 38-in. Trunks, with all hard fiber coverings, 23 trays, the top tray with metal hinges and divided for hats. Choice at.....\$23.75  
 Kann's—Third Floor.